

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims and Specification to eliminate the requirement that the high-molecular-weight component of the composition be homogeneous. Applicants have also eliminated the recitation of the ductile to brittle transition temperature. Support for these amendments can be found in U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/313,357 at for example page 3, lines 24 – 28, to which the present application claims priority and the disclosure of which has been incorporated herein by reference in its entirety:

“The new composition comprises at least a low-molecular-weight (LMW) ethylene homopolymer component and a high-molecular-weight (HMW) ethylene interpolymer component. The new composition is characterized by a relatively high density and a relatively narrow bimodal molecular weight distribution.”

U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/313,357, Pg 3, ll. 24 – 28.

Thus, the amendments do not constitute new matter. Each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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